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DAYLIGHT SAVINGS

APRIL 1, 2000 10:00 P.M. (10:34) TRT 00:29

KCAL9 anchor Leyna Nguyen reported that it was Spring, and daylight saving time began the following day at 2:00 a.m. So before going to bed, everyone was to set their clocks forward one hour, and when you would set out for that morning commute, safety experts recommended that motorists adjust their driving habits. They warned that early morning sun would cause reflections off car windows, hoods and other metallic portions of automobiles, causing reduced visibility; not to mention the one-hour worth of sleep you lose.

CENSUS DAY

APRIL 1, 2000 10:00 P.M. (10:41) TRT 00:41

KCAL9 anchor Dave Clark reported that in case you missed it, that day was national census day and throughout the Southland, activities were designed with one thing in mind, to get everyone to stand up and be counted. The city of Inglewood hosted a census two thousand carnival. The rides helped keep the kids busy, as parents were helped with their census forms. Meanwhile over in Hollywood, workers at a health fair devoted much of their time helping people fill out their census forms and at several major intersections, human billboards were deployed. Their goal, to encourage motorists and residents to take part in the census count. Local officials claimed an undercounting of minority communities in the last census cost the city over 120 million dollars in Federal and state funds.

INFANT MORTALITY

APRIL 2, 2000 10:00 P.M. (10:43) TRT 00:13

KCAL9 anchor Dave Clark reported that the census gave the government a population snapshot for planning a budgeting purpose. But nationwide, some populations faced more threats to their numbers than others, and they were threats that could vary from one neighborhood to another. Although infant mortality figured in some urban areas were one of the records nationwide, infant mortality rates had been falling.

BABY DOLPHIN BORN

APRIL 2, 2000 10:00 P.M. (10:36) TRT 00:30

KCAL9 anchor Dave Clark reported for Shamu to step aside because there was a new act in town. A baby dolphin was born, making its way into the world during a dolphin show at Sea World the previous day in front of a crowd of onlookers. The baby dolphin and mother were doing fine. Animal care experts would be checking the baby over the following several weeks.

They said it would be at least that long before they knew if it was a boy or a girl. That was the 57th dolphin born at Sea World over the previous past two decades.

LUCKY BABY

APRIL 2, 2000 10:00 P.M. (10:38) TRT 00:43

KCAL9 anchor Leyna Nguyen reported that they were calling the little guy "fortunato." That was Italian for "lucky." The newborn baby was found abandoned in Kosovo and taken in by NATO peacekeepers. Bill Burgstiner was a member of the UN Police Force. He was driving through a village, southwest of Pristina, when he responded to an unusual call of duty. Burgstiner took the child to a field hospital where the baby boy had dwon the hearts of hospital staffers. One by one, visitors had found their way to the make-shift nursery for a chance to cuddle the infant. There were special visitation privileges for the American police officer, who have been dubbed "The Godfather." Strong family ties in Kosovo made that sort of child abandonment unusual. But there was hope "Fortunato" would be lucky enough to find a permanent home.

OVERTURNED BIG RIG

APRIL 2, 2000 10:00 P.M. (10:29) TRT 00:25

KCAL9 anchor Leyna Nguyen reported that it was far from "Sunday morning lite" for commuters in El Monte after an overturned big rig tied up traffic for hours. A sig alert was issued soon after a big rig lost its load and the crane on its flatbed toppled onto the freeway, closing all lanes of the northbound 605. The highway patrol was able to get a few lanes open to traffic, but it took crews hours to clean up the mess.

CONFEDERATE FLAG

APRIL 2, 2000 10:00 P.M. (10:40) TRT 00:31

KCAL9 anchor Leyna Nguyen reported that a march on South Carolina's capitol was underway to demand the removal of the state's Confederate flag from the statehouse. That day, more than 600 people in Charleston began the trek that would cover 120 miles during daylight hours that week. On Thursday, the protestors would attend a rally, the same day flag supporters would gather at the statehouse in Columbia. Marchers hope to persuade lawmakers to remove the flag from pub buildings and placing it in historical settings. The controversy had prompted the NAACP to call for a tourist boycott of the state.

SACRED HOOP WALK

APRIL 2, 2000 10:00 P.M. (10:42) TRT 00:30

KCAL9 anchor Dave Clark reported on a blessing and a beating of the drums that kicked off a cross county walk for American Indian Unity. The "Journey of the Sacred Hoop" took off from

the Southwest Museum of L.A. that day. It would end up in Washington, D.C. It was part of the "Wellbriety" movement, which stood for wellness and sobriety in the Native American culture. Organizers said Native Americans and other groups needed healing, hope, and unity. A walk would help awaken people and cause a shift in their thinking.

EXOTIC CARS AND ANIMALS

APRIL 2, 2000 10:00 P.M. (10:44) TRT 00:27

KCAL9 anchor Leyna Nguyen reported that lovers of exotic cars and exotic animals got together that day in Sherman Oaks. Dozens of classic antique cars filled the parking lot of the sportsman lodge. Billed the "Doing the right thing car show," the event brought together one of a kind automobiles all to benefit a one of a kind organization. Also on hand, was a 550 pound Siberian tiger named "Drifter" and a full grown American Golden Eagle named "Temejin." They were just two of the 11 hundred animals at the wildlife waystation.

WOMEN HONORED

APRIL 3, 2000 12:00 P.M. (12:26) TRT 00:31

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported that special heroes who were also moms working to make life a little better for all southland children got their reward that day. State Senator Hilda Solis honored fifteen local women with a "woman of distinction" award at a Baldwin Park ceremony. The women included political activists, community leaders, educators, writers, and psychologists from East L.A. and many like Marina Martinez were women of color who had quietly helped to improve their communities for years. The ceremony wrapped up women's history month which was in observed throughout March.

LEGO MAN

APRIL 4, 2000 12:00 P.M. (12:07) TRT 00:34

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported on a man with a secret that played with legos. He put tens of thousands of tiny elements painstakingly to create an imaginary place where he can escape to every night. Mason loved his legos. Not only because he could make things, but he could destroy them and rebuild. Mason's lego town was complete in every detail, with three running railroads and even a holiday resort.

CLINTON COLUMBINE

APRIL 4, 2000 8:00 P.M. (8:22) TRT 00:19

KCAL9 anchor Bob Donley reported that President Clinton was planning to visit Colorado the following week just before the first anniversary of the columbine shootings on April 20th, just one year before. Two students went on a rampage at the high school in Littleton, leaving 15

people dead. During his visit to Colorado, Clinton would attend a rally in support of a proposed gun control ballot initiative.

FREED CONDORS

APRIL 4, 2000 10:00 P.M. (10:17) TRT 00:19

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that after more than a decade in captivity, the California condor known as A.C. Eight was wild again. A.C. Eight was the last female wild bird captured but she was the first to be released. She was released that day in Fillmore with three young condors to learn survival skills.

WELK HONORED

APRIL 4, 2000 8:00 P.M. (8:25) TRT 00:28

KCAL9 anchor Bob Donley reported that KCAL helicopter pilot Larry Welk picked up a couple of honors for his part in the dramatic rescue of two colleagues the previous week. First, the L.A. County board of supervisors presented citations to Welk and CBS cameraman Aaron Fitzgerald. The two rescued another pilot and photographer when their helicopter crashed at Van Nuys airport. Injured pilot Kris Kelley had been released from the hospital.

LOST HIKER

APRIL 5, 2000 2:00 P.M. (2:19) TRT 00:24

KCAL9 anchor Terri Merryman reported on a frightening adventure overnight for a boy lost on a trail went through Pacific Palisades. A 14-year-old boy was hiking the Santa Ynez trail with his parents the previous evening, when he got lost. His parents called authorities. Rescuers and two helicopters helped in the search. The boy said he saw some light and tried to get to it at first. But eventually, he decided to wait until someone found him.

BEACHED WHALE

APRIL 5, 2000 10:00 P.M. (10:21) TRT 00:10

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that the two gray whales that were found off the coast near Seal Beach were buried that day. Marine biologists speculated one died of natural causes. The other because of what was wrapped around its tail.

3-AQUARIUM

APRIL 8, 2000 10:00 P.M. (10:16) TRT 00:25

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that surfing the net would not get your kids wet. I could put them right in the "splash zone." There was a new interactive exhibit at the Monterey Bay

aquarium. It was a visually spectacular underwater adventure that could be enjoyed in person or on the net. It featured nearly 60 species from South African blackfooted penguins, leafy sea dragons. The website was designed for families with children from infants up to 9 years old.

DOG IN HOLE

APRIL 8, 2000 8:00 P.M. (8:18) TRT 00:19

KCAL9 anchor Bob Donley reported that rescue workers labored for more than an hour to free the lab from the hole that held him captive.

PLANE SURVIVAL

APRIL 10, 2000 10:00 P.M. (10:11) TRT 00:20

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that the pilot of a small plane survived a crash landing in rubidoux that day. Taylor Smith had flown for 50 years but never experienced anything like that. He lost control of his home-built plane and smashed through a fence. Smith suffered a head cut and some other scrapes but he was glad he walked away from the wreckage. The plane was a complete loss and Smith who was 78 said it was time to give up flying.

MISSING HIKER

APRIL 10, 2000 8:00 P.M. (8:19) TRT 00:21

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported on a happy ending to an overnight search for a missing hiker. She spent the night lost in Angeles National Forest. 46-year-old Angie Montes found her way to a campground this afternoon. Despite a few minor scrapes, she was okay. Montes said her biggest fear was wild animal. Montes said her biggest fear was wild animals. Montes was an experienced hiker but she said she won't be hiking alone anymore.

FIRE HERO

APRIL 11, 2000 8:00 P.M. (8:21) TRT 00:30

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that an Orange County teen was honored as a hero for saving an elderly couple from their burning house. 17-year-old Dustin Lara saw flames coming from his neighbor's home early Saturday morning. He ran out, kicked in the door with his bare feet and helped his father pull out an 89-year-old woman from the flames. Seconds later firefighters arrived and pulled out the woman's 95-year-old husband. The victims were still hospitalized. An electric blanket may have started the fire.

COCKPIT TAPES

APRIL 11, 2000 8:00 P.M. (8:26) TRT 00:29

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported on a call that day for cameras in the cockpit. The national transportation safety board wanted to look over the shoulder of pilots on commercial jets. The idea was that the extra "eyes" connected to video recorders, would investigators determine the causes of crashes like Air Alaska. Many pilots opposed the idea as an invasion of privacy, but the head of the NSB said safety was the utmost concern. Hall was sensitive to pilots' concerns and would point the cameras at instrument panels not pilot faces.

CENSUS REPORT

APRIL 12, 2000 12:00 P.M. (12:25) TRT 00:22

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported that the 2000 census had reached its minimum goal for responses with 61 percent of US household completing and mailing back their forms. Census officials said they hoped to reach a national response rate of 70 percent. A 168 million dollar advertising campaign was launched to encourage Americans to return their questionnaires. On April 27, the census bureau would begin sending workers to visit households that had not returned their census forms.

MOTER OFC DOWN

APRIL 14, 2000 9:00 P.M. (9:21) TRT 00:20

KCAL9 anchor Sylvia Lopez reported on a motorcycle officer recovering that night after an accident with a van sent him to the pavement, then to the hospital. The crash happened about four that afternoon at Woodman Avenue and Lassen Street in North Hills. The LAPD officer was transported to Providence Holy Cross Medical Center in serious but stable condition. Crash investigators had yet to determine who was at fault.

ELEPHANT SEAL

APRIL 14, 2000 10:00 P.M. (10:14) TRT 00:24

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that an elephant seal had been holidaying in Gisborne, New Zealand after coming ashore nearly three weeks ago. At first, residents enjoyed watching him, but Homer turned out to be quite a handful. When the seal was not basking in the sun, he was busy bashing boats and cars. So that day officials built a barrier that safely led the two ton seal back to sea.

URBAN LEAGUE

APRIL 14, 2000 10:00 P.M. (10:34) TRT 00:22

KCAL9 anchor Sylvia Lopez reported on a gala evening in Century City that night. The Los Angeles urban league held its 27th annual awards dinner. The Whitney "M" Young Junior Award is given each year to an outstanding member of the African American Community. That year's award was presented to spiritual leader Bishop Charles Black. Among the many luminaries attending that night's award dinner, many members of the KCAL family.

PILOT SHORTAGE

APRIL 15, 2000 2:00 P.M. (2:13) TRT 00:34

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported that airlines were looking for workers to fill a pilot shortage. The number of airline passengers was expected to double in ten years so pilots could expect a great job market. In 1999, 16 thousand were hired by the airlines. By the year 2005, about 20 thousand pilots would be hopping on board as new hires. 36-year-old Rob Whitson, a former cop, hoped to be one of them. He had just gotten his commercial pilots license. Some airlines were recruiting women and minorities to increase the labor pool. Many were requiring less flying hours.

EASTER EGGS

APRIL 15, 2000 2:00 P.M. (2:20) TRT 00:36

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported that one woman was working overtime to make sure Easter was what it was cracked up to be. Shirley Allen had taken on the task of cooking, coloring and dying more than 2 thousand Easter eggs. The Des Moines, Iowa woman would host the largest Easter egg hunt in her area with more than 2 hundred children participating. Even though Easter was only a little over a week away, Shirley knew she would get the job done. After hosting the hunt for 13 years straight, she knew egg-zactly what she was doing. Shirley had even made sure the duds did not go to waste. When an egg cracked, she simply made tasty egg dishes for the big event.

MTA BUS ACCIDENT

APRIL 17, 2000 9:00 P.M. (9:09) TRT 00:24

KCAL9 anchor Jerry Dunphy reported that investigators were still trying to figure out what caused two MTA buses and a school van to collide, injuring 18 people. The accident happened around 7 that morning during rush hour at 16th and Maple Avenue near Downtown Los Angeles. The LA Unified van was only carrying the driver and he was unhurt. Some of the people injured were taken to nearby hospitals and treated from minor injuries.

WIZARD OF OZ AUCTION

APRIL 17, 2000 9:00 P.M. (9:14) TRT 00:37

KCAL9 reporter Jaime Garza reported that if you wanted to own a pair of ruby red slippers from "The Wizard of Oz," not to bother clicking your heels together, just plunk down a lot of cash. A pristine pair of size 6-B ruby slippers made for Judy Garland would be auctioned off at a Christie's sale East of Hollywood memorabilia. Collectors estimate the pair could fetch as much as 750 thousand dollars. Christie's already sold one of the seven pairs of "oz" slippers in 1988 for 150 grand. Christopher Reeve's Superman capes and body stockings would also go on the auction block.

MARINE MEMORIAL

APRIL 18, 2000 8:00 P.M. (8:07) TRT 00:30

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported that a memorial service was being held in remembrance of the marines who died in Saturday's MV-22 Osprey crash. The memorial service was for the families and marines of 3d battalion, 5th marine regiment. We would be able to get video of the service and a display honoring the marines. We would have to be at the Cristianitos gate at 12:45 pm, taking I-5/Cristianitos exit. The service got started at 2pm.

SWIFTWATER RESCUE

APRIL 18, 2000 8:00 P.M. (8:12) TRT 00:15

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported on a harrowing helicopter rescue from a rain swollen wash that left two people hospitalized.

COLUMBINE

APRIL 18, 2000 8:00 P.M. (8:25) TRT 00:33

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that one year ago that week, a Colorado community witnessed the worst school shooting in US history, the Columbine massacre. The tragedy was being remembered everywhere. Crosses once placed on a hill in Littleton, Colorado, was a property in Greenville, South Carolina. There were adorned messages, memories, and photos of the victims lost. For many church members, the crosses were a wake up call. The crosses were brought to Greenville to draw attention to a church play, to remember the victims. The actual anniversary of the shooting would have been the following Thursday.

APOLLO PICTURES

APRIL 18, 2000 8:00 P.M. (8:33) TRT 00:18

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported on a picture of earth like you had never seen before. The new digital image captured a spectacular portrait of the western hemisphere, at the time of one of the strongest hurricanes ever observed in the East Pacific. The enhanced photo recalled the famous Apollo era pictures of earth taken by Lunar astronauts.

IMF TONIGHT

APRIL 18, 2000 8:00 P.M. (8:40) TRT 00:26

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported on more violent confrontation in Washington between police and world bank protestors. The day ended with police arresting 400 demonstrators, in a negotiated surrender as the finance meetings ended. Police used pepper spray and smoke grenades on the protestors. One officer fired a tear gas canister, but police said it was a mistake. At one point a protester threw himself in front of a car to prevent police convoy from passing. He was quickly arrested.

GOLDMAN PRIZES

APRIL 19, 2000 2:00 P.M. (2:11) TRT 00:42

KCAL9 reporter Jaime Garza reported that six crusaders for a better environment were the latest recipients of the Goldman Foundation Award. Rodolfo Flores had been imprisoned and tortured in Mexico for leading a successful protest against logging. He won 125 thousand dollars from the Goldman Foundation and because of international attention, the Mexican government had agreed to review his case. Alexander Peal was honored for working to preserve the rainforests of Africa. Nat Gwanza worked to build respect for medicinal plants in Madagascar. Lawyer Vera Mischenko fought for environmental issues in Russia. In Uzbekistan, Doctor Oral Ataneyazova helped fight the environmental and health effects created by a dying sea. In South America, Oscar Rivas and Elias Pena were honored for protests that stopped a corrupt hydro-electric project sponsored by the world bank.

FAMILIES IN THE ER

APRIL 19, 2000 2:00 P.M. (2:19) TRT 00:40

KCAL9 anchor Jane Velez-Mitchell reported that if someone you love was fighting to stay alive in an emergency room, it helped if you are there with them. That was according to a new study published in the American Journal of Nursing. More and more emergency rooms were now opening their doors and allowing family members into observe. The study said when the efforts were made to save a life failed, being there helped the survivors cope. Doctors warned that not all family members could handle it. Some could become disoriented or start arguing with the hospital staff. Still others have been known to faint. They suggested a medical professional warn the family about what they were going to see.

DOCTOR REUNION

APRIL 19, 2000 2:00 P.M. (2:28) TRT 00:19

KCAL9 reported on a priceless gift of life, the donating of an organ to someone in desperate need. That week happened to be national organ donor week. Meanwhile, a local boy who needed a bone marrow transplant surgery to stay alive, was reunited over the weekend with the donor who saved the boy's life.

ALIGATORS FOUND

APRIL 21, 2000 10:00 P.M. (10:12) TRT 00:25

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported on a big bust in Newport Beach that night where police took three alligators into custody. The gators were living in someone's backyard in a jacuzzi style when part of the pool was drained. A team of police, fish and game and animal control officers went to work. They captured the creatures with no problem, and took them off to a county animal facility. Police said it was illegal to own alligators in a residential area. No one was arrested.

CAR/RIVER

APRIL 21, 2000 9:00 P.M. (9:15) TRT 00:22

KCAL9 anchor Sylvia Lopez reported that the wild weather may have driven a car and driver into the L.A. River. It was not clear how it happened, but the streets were slippery that morning when the accident occurred.. The car plowed through a fence and half way into the water. It was teetering on the edge, but the driver managed to get out and help. No one was hurt.

COSBY HONORED

APRIL 21, 2000 9:00 P.M. (9:23) TRT 00:18

KCAL9 anchor Jerry Dunphy reported that one of American's top funny men received a serious honor that day. USC's School of Cinema and Television presented Actor Bill Cosby with its Steven "J" Ross Time Warner Memorial Award. Created in 1991, it recognized people who had advanced the media industry and culture. Cosby was the third recipient. Past recipients included actor Kirk Douglas.

RIDE ACCIDENT

APRIL 24, 2000 2:00 P.M. (2:12) TRT 00:32)

KCAL9 anchor Terri Merryman reported that it began as a thrill ride at Universal Studios in Orlando, but ended as a ride to the hospital, after two people were hurt on the "Men in Black" ride. A family of six was enjoying the spinning ride, when seven-year-old Dillon fell out of the car he was in. His father jumped out to try and save him. The rest of the family watched in

horror but had to remain on the ride until it stopped. Crews eventually shut down the ride. Father and son were taken to a hospital with minor injuries.

WACO ANNIVERSARY

APRIL 24, 2000 3:30 P.M. (3:37) TRT 00:25

KCAL9 anchor Terri Merryman reported a new church was dedicated to commemorate another painful anniversary, the Waco tragedy, seven years previous. More than 80 people died at the end of a 51-day stand-off between the FBI and branch Davidian cult members. What happened that day had been the subject of controversy ever since. The government insisted the branch davidians started the fire that leveled the compound. Surviving cult members blamed Government gunfire.

DISNEYLAND ACCIDENT

APRIL 24, 2000 2:00 P.M. (2:07) TRT 00:19

KCAL9 reporter Jaime Garza reported that a girl was recovering that day after an injury at Disneyland. Anaheim police said the teen-aged girl was taken to the hospital the previous night after one of her legs got caught in a part on the Roger Rabbit ride. The girl was treated and released the previous night from Western Medical Center. Officials with Disneyland reported the incident was not major.

SKIING IN APRIL

APRIL 25, 2000 2:00 P.M. (2:22) TRT 00:15

KCAL9 anchor Terri Merryman reported that Spring skiing had taken on a whole new meaning. Thanks to that blustery storm that blew throughout the Southland. It is reopening day at one of our local ski resorts.

NURSE VISITATION

APRIL 25, 2000 2:00 P.M. (2:34) TRT 00:29

KCAL9 reporter Jaime Garza reported on the nurse visits to first time moms. Previous research found that programs like one in Oklahoma had a wonderful affect on the lives of low income, mostly unmarried women and their children. The program would be beneficial years after the baby was born. Researchers at the University of Rochester followed some women and their children for three years after, and found those who had nurse visits had less subsequent pregnancies and waited longer before having a second child.

DOG HANG-GLIDER

APRIL 25, 2000 9:00 P.M. (9:12) TRT 00:21

KCAL 9 anchor Sylvia Lopez reported on a super dog. That "Buddy" leaped cliffs in a single bound with "his" best friend. He as a high flying fido who had taken a liking to hang gliding. Buddy was an old pro. He had done that more than 20 times. Buddy's "Buddy" designed a special safety harness to strap the yellow into the glider.

BUNNY NEST

APRIL 25, 2000 2:00 P.M. (2:21) TRT 00:20

KCAL9 anchor Terri Merryman reported on a bizarre bunny tale just in time for Easter. A bunch of bunnies were taking over a construction site in Silicon Vall. Workers preparing the site accidentally dug up hundreds of their homes instead of killing the jack rabbits during construction, crews called the Humane Society for help. Santa Clara wildlife workers rushed in to save the baby bunnies.

SUTTLE LAUNCH

APRIL 25, 2000 8:00 P.M. (8:20) TRT 00:20

KCAL9 anchor Bob Donley reported that NASA scrubbed a launch of the shuttle Atlantis, because of dangerously high winds. The astronauts were on board and ready to go when the flight was cancelled. Another try was tentatively scheduled for the following afternoon. The purpose of the mission was to repair the international space station. Atlantis was loaded with more than a ton of supplies and replacement parts for the station.

BEE SWARM

APRIL 25, 2000 8:00 P.M. (8:06) TRT 00:17

KCAL9 reporter Leyna Nguyen reported on frightening moments for an Ontario family. They found a bunch of unwanted visitors buzzing around when they returned home. The family discovered thousands of bees swarming inside their garage. The family immediately called an exterminator for help. That night workers were trying to determine if the bees were africanized regular hone bees.

710 EXPANSION

APRIL 26, 2000 2:00 P.M. (2:14) TRT 00:30

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported that the Pasadena City Council was expected to vote that night on whether to continue to support construction of a controversial freeway extension. In 1996, the Pasadena City Council approved the one-point-four billion-dollar extension of the Long Beach freeway that would connect the ten and the 210 freeways. A city commission had

since recommended the council reverse its position; since half the current council was not in office when the last vote on the project was taken. The freeway was supported by the city of Alhambra but opposed by the city of South Pasadena.

COLTRANE CLOSING

APRIL 26, 2000 2:00 P.M. (2:19) TRT 00:36

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported that a very hip church in San Francisco had been saved by music fans. It was called the church of John Coltrane. Bishop Franzp King had been leading the congregation for 30 years. He said he and his wife were baptized by Coltrane's sound. The saxophone player worked with Miles Davis and Thelonious Mo back in the 50's. He died in 1967. Coltrane never knew about the little church founded in his name. On Sunday's it was standing room only. The church was set to close its doors the previous day. But the community got together and raised enough money to keep it going. It would move to a new and larger location soon.

HUBBLE ANNIVERSARY

APRIL 26, 2000 2:00 P.M. (2:23) TRT 00:38

KCAL9 anchor Jane Velez-Mitchell reported that NASA was celebrating the tenth anniversary of the Hubble Space telescope. It was now something for the space agency to brag about, but as you might recall, it had a rough beginning. When it was first sent into space, it did not work. The mission cost 1.6 billion dollars and appeared to be a huge NASA disaster. But then astronauts went on a series of daring space walks to correct Hubble's vision and the results had been stunning. 260 exposures had been sent back to earth. They showed the surface of Pluto, how stars were born and a large variety of important scientific information.

EASTER EGG ROLE

APRIL 26, 2000 2:00 P.M. (2:29) TRT 00:28

KCAL9 anchor Jane Velez-Mitchell reported that US Presidents had been playing with the Easter bunny on the White House lawn for 122 years, and it was no different that day. President and Mrs. Clinton joined Mr. and Mrs. Bunny for the annual Easter egg roll that morning. The event featured clowns, balloons, races, music, and of course, egg rolling. Some of the colored eggs were imprinted with the White House emblem. Rutherford B Hayes was the first President to roll out the eggs back in.

TOURIST DEATH

APRIL 26, 2000 3:30 P.M. (3:35) TRT 00:26

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that an early morning crash in Pacoima turned deadly for a tourist visiting from San Francisco. This heap of mangled metal was what was left on the victim's car, it was crunched on impact. Police said a man believed to be under the influence was driving a while truck at high speeds when he crashed into the tourist's car. He had been arrested. The victim was parked by the side of the road. Authorities believed he was reading a map.

COLUMBINE TAPE

APRIL 26, 2000 3:30 P.M. (3:44) TRT 00:30

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that they had to sue to get copies of the Columbine shooting videotape. The victims' families were outraged that the tapes were being made available to the public. The tapes that had been set to music, did not show students being shot, but they did show scenes of surveillance video of the school cafeteria where the two gunmen detonated a bomb and started shooting. The videotape was a Littleton Fire Department training tape. It included 25 to 30 minutes of surveillance footage. The tape was being made available to the public for 25 dollars.

VALLEY SECESSION

APRIL 27, 2000 12:00 P.M. (12:09) TRT 00:34

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported that the group that wanted to see the San Fernando Valley secede from Los Angeles that day unveiled some of their plans. The vision of the group "Valley Vote" was outlined in a 14-page document. One key reason it wanted to divorce itself from Los Angeles was to keep tax money in its own backyard. That way it could help pay for fire and police departments and to support local businesses. Mayor Richard Riordan, in his weekly radio address, said the entire county was doing just fine. Under its plan, the San Fernando Valley would give part-time city council members and the Mayor would be elected by valley residents.

HITLER SKULL

APRIL 27, 2000 2:00 P.M. (2:11) TRT 00:27

KCAL9 anchor Terri Merryman reported that the Russians were giving the public a first look at the skull they said was Adolf Hitler's. The skull fragment was the showpiece in an exhibit that opened in Moscow that day. It showed the alleged bullet hole where Hitler shot himself. The exhibit, "Agony of the Third Reich" marked the 55th Anniversary of the end of World War II. Other exhibit items included materials from Hitler's bunker, diaries, and Nazi memorabilia. Most of the items had never been shown before.

DOG RESCUE

APRIL 28, 2000 12:00 P.M. (12:14) TRT 00:26

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported that it took quick thinking and a lot of muscle but California Rescue workers managed to pull a puppy to safety. The puppy spent three days trapped in a large drainage hole near Stockton. Firefighters had a hard time getting to the puppy because it was stuck beneath some wood in the hole. So after removing the wood, they pulled the 8-week old pooch to safety. The little sheppard mix was in food condition and would later go up for adoption.

VIOLIN SALE

MAY 2, 2000 2:00 P.M (2:34) TRT 00:24

KCAL9 anchor Terri Merryman reported that a violin auction was music to the ears of music lovers, but that week, Christie's was sweetening the pot. They would auction off a 300 -year-old Stradivarius violin. It was crafted by the famous violin maker at the start of his golden period and Christie's' representatives said it was in remarkable condition. Hundreds of violins would be auctioned that Friday. Christie's expected a particular instrument to go for at least one million dollars.

ACTORS STRIKE

MAY 2, 2000 9:00 P.M (9:32) TRT 00:35

KCAL9 anchor Sylvia Lopez reported that hundreds of actors looked to the streets in a strike against the producer of radio and TV commercials. Members of the Screen Actors Guild and the American Federation of Television and Radio artists were out on a strike. They were angry over an impasse in wage negotiations. The striking actors also wanted the number of times they appeared in commercials monitored. They also wanted rights to the internet. Similar walkouts were going on in San Francisco, New York, and Chicago.

PARAGLIDER ACCIDENT

MAY 5, 2000 9:00 P.M. (9:14) TRT 00:30

KCAL9 anchor Jerry Dunphy reported on a daring and dramatic rescue to save a paraglider who crashed and broke both his legs. The accident happened at the base of the Conejo grade in Ventura County. They were brought in by a Sheriff's Department chopper because the terrain was too steep. The victim narrowly missed falling even farther. He landed at the edge of a 200 - foot drop. The paramedics loaded him onto a basket and flew him off the mountain for treatment at Los Robles Hospital in Thousand Oaks.

CHOPPER CRASH

MAY 8, 2000 10:00 P.M. (10:19) TRT 00:16

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that a helicopter pilot and his passenger were both counting their blessings that night. They walked away without injuries after their chopper went down. The crash happened around 5 that night just East of the Rialto Airport. The Pilot said he was trying to land at the airport when something went wrong.

SHELTER REVEAL

MAY 8, 2000 2:00 P.M. (2:31) TRT 00:26

KCAL9 anchor Terri Merryman reported that a Southland agency was suing Pacific Bell for printing the address of its domestic violence shelter in the phonebook. The Jewish family service of Los Angeles said it had to move its secret shelter, after the location appeared in the 1s999 San Fernando Valley phone directory. The agency was suing for damages and the cost of relocating its residents. The agency was also trying to get Pac Bell to change its policies, so the mistake did not happen again.

118 FATAL

MAY 9, 2000 2:00 P.M (2:14) TRT 00:23

KCAL9 anchor Terri Merryman reported that a deadly crash had claimed the life of a young woman, just one day before her 23rd birthday. The accident happened around 7:30 that morning on the 118 freeway at Rocky Peak Road. Ventura County investigators said Elona Widman was driving fast when she hit the center divider. Her car skidded across all lanes and fell more than a hundred feet down an embankment. Widman was pronounced dead on the scene.

TIME WARNER

MAY 10, 2000 10:00 P.M. (10:21) TRT 00:20

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that the day of blackouts was over. Millions of cable customers who missed their fix of ABC programs like "Who Wants To Be A Millionaire" and "Good Morning America" could tune into them again. The blackout came during a dispute between Time Warner Cable Company and Disney-owned ABC. The two sides could not agree on how much Time Warner should pay Disney for its programming. The cable company agreed to keep negotiating with Disney until July 15th.

VALLEY TRAFFIC

MAY 10, 2000 10:00 P.M. (10:17) TRT 00:30

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that police would be beefing up their presence at L.A.'s most dangerous intersections to cut down on accidents and deaths. He was talking about La Brea

and Adams. There were 28 crashes at this intersection the previous year. It was considered the most dangerous intersection in the city. Sunset and Highland were the second most dangerous. Parthenia and Reseda in the San Fernando Valley was the third with 22 crashes. The LAPD would be switching 40 officers from patrol to traffic enforcement to concentrate on 39 intersections around the city. They would also fix timing on traffic signals, add more turn signals and improve pedestrian crosswalks. The new measures were to go into effect by July 1st.

CARDINAL DEAD

MAY 11, 2000 10:00 P.M. (10:17) TRT 00:20

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that a prominent American Catholic leader had died. New York Cardinal John O'Connor was 80 years old. O'Connor's health began to fail after he had a brain tumor removed in August. He missed many public masses at Saint Patrick's Cathedral in the months that followed. The Cardinal firmly supported the Vatican on birth control, abortion and homosexuality. He even urged excommunication for Catholic politicians who supported abortion rights.

DISABLED COACH

MAY 11, 2000 10:00 P.M. (10:19) TRT 00:25

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that a handicapped Orange County High School baseball coach was back in the game. A paraplegic, Victor Barrios was excluded from eight games the previous year while coaching at Westminster High School. The California Interscholastic Federation said it was for safety reasons. Barrios sued on the grounds of discrimination and won. Barrios would be paid 10 thousand dollars for the missed games. He said he would use some of the money to buy uniforms for the teams he coached.

LION KING

MAY 12, 2000 10:00 P.M. (10:28) TRT 00:28

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that the pride of Disney was roaring through the Southland. Tickets for the stage production of "The Lion King" went on sale that morning at the Pantages Theater in Hollywood. Traffic in the area came to a standstill at times when the cast performed some favorites like "Circle of Life" and "Can You Feel the Love Tonight." Hundreds of fans lined up early that morning to snag the best seats in the house. "The Lion King" would open that Fall.

OLD TRAIN TOUR

MAY 15, 2000 9:00 P.M. (9:36) TRT 00:31

KCAL9 anchor Jerry Dunphy reported that a hotel on wheels was rolling through the Southland that night. It was the American Orient Express, a private luxury train designed to spoil its

customers the old fashioned way. The 15 carriage cars were reminiscent of the 1940's and 50's which cost more than 14 million dollars to restore. The train was currently making its way up the Pacific Coast to Settled offering live entertainment and ocean views for a price of about 5 hundred dollars a day; a trip back in time that would have cost about a hundred bucks.

HOLIDAY BOWL

MAY 17, 2000 2:00 P.M. (2:39) TRT 00:16

KCAL9 anchor Terri Merryman reported that a Southland landmark that brought together all walks of life for fun and food was about to close. That weekend the "Holiday Bowling Alley and Coffee Shop" was striking out for good.

SKY 9 PROCESSION

MAY 22, 2000 12:00 P.M. (12:04) TRT 00:20

KCAL9 anchor Jane Velez-Mitchell reported on a solemn procession. About one thousand vehicles were taking part in a tribute to slain Long Beach officer "Daryle Black. He was only 33 years old when he was gunned down the previous Saturday. The police procession would travel along Shoreline Drive to Ocean Blvd, then onto Redondo Ave., and the Brother's mortuary.

DOG RESCUES

MAY 25, 2000 2:00 P.M. (2:34) TRT 00:12

KCAL9 anchor Terri Merryman reported that in Upland, a near tragedy was avoided, thanks to the family dog. It was credited that afternoon with saving his family from their burning home.

SCOTTISH FEST

JUNE 3, 2000 9:00 P.M. (9:16) TRT 00:25

KCAL9 anchor Leyna Nguyen reported that a bit of Scotland came to the southland that weekend. The 68th annual highland gathering and Scottish festival brought all thins Scottish to the Orange County fairgrounds. The two-day festival featured a wide variety of Scottish music, dance, food and sports competition. Including the caber toss, hammer throw, farmers walk and shot put.

SALSA MARATHON

JUNE 5, 2000 12:00 P.M. (12:23) TRT 00:24

KCAL9 anchor Jane Velez-Mitchell reported that it was called the second annual west congressional. The last thing anyone took was a seat. The three-day event was being held that weekend at the Hollywood Park Casino. More than 25 hundred dancers from 11 countries were

expected to attend the event. Professional dancers hosted beginner, intermediate and advanced dance workshops throughout the day. There was also a salsa workshop for children and young adults.

PARKS MEMORIAL

JUNE 8, 2000 10:00 P.M. (10:07) TRT 00:21

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported on a memorial that night in Orange County for the murdered granddaughter of LA Police Chief Bernard Parks. Funeral services would be held the following Saturday. That night, hundreds filled the Coast Hills Community Church in Aliso Viejo where Lori Gonzalez taught Sunday school. Among the speakers, was her father. The search for the young woman's killer went on that night.

MISSING GIRL

JUNE 12, 2000 8:00 P.M. (8:26) TRT 00:23

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that a seven-year old Chino girl reported missing had been found. Raylene Salaz was located about 6:00 that evening. The girl was reportedly seen with Michelle Torres at the time of her disappearance the previous night. When Torres saw news reports portraying the girl as "missing", she reportedly turned the girl over to her brother. Torres' brother then reportedly returned the little girl to parents.

MISSING STUDENT

JUNE 13, 2000 8:00 P.M. (8:27) TRT 00:26

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported on a rally that day for a UCLA student that had been missing since the previous December. Friends and family gathered on campus as a reminder that Michael Negrete was still missing and needed to be found. The freshman mysteriously disappeared from his dorm room in the early morning hours of December 10th and had not been seen or heard from since. The family initially offered a five-thousand dollar reward for information leading to an arrest. That day, that reward was upped to 100 thousand dollars.

END GUN VIOLENCE

JUNE 16, 2000

KCAL9 anchor Jerry Dunphy reported that thousands of students turned out for a rally at Hamilton School to call for an end to gun violence. They were joining forces with a hot recording artist for a summer long campaign.

DOMESTIC BILLBOARD

JUNE 20, 2000 8:00 P.M. (8:11) TRT 00:25

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that drivers in the Inland Empire saw a dramatic statement that day against domestic violence, a message that was hard to miss. That billboard called domestic violence a blueprint for murder. It was unveiled that day in Cathedral City and several like it were going up around Riverside County. Message came from Riverside County Sheriff Larry Smith, advertising space was donated by local businesses and billboard companies. The Sheriff's Department said it had zero tolerance for violent domestic relationships.

CONSUMER ISSUES

HMO PROTEST

APRIL 3, 2000 12:00 P.M. (12:17) TRT 00:20

KCAL9 anchor Jane Velez-Mitchell reported that Sega unveiled plans that day for a new on-line entertainment company. The new company would include a high-speed internet service provider with multi-player gaming capability, plus chat services and information about Sega video games. The company was the first of the video game manufacturers to give a defined blueprint of how it will use the internet to enhance playtime.

JURY FORMS

APRIL 3, 2000 10:00 P.M. (10:13) TRT 00:21

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that the new jury summons for L.A. County was so complicated that even some judges could not figure it out. The long form was part of an effort to streamline jury service. It was already in use in some court districts. One judge said its difficulty had been exaggerated. Under another change, jurors not assigned to trials during their first full day of service would be released.

TRAIN CRASH

APRIL 4, 2000 10:00 P.M. (10:06) TRT 00:18

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that a powerful locomotive brought to a sudden halt, slammed into a concrete wall. It was a staged accident designed to study the effect of crash on people in passenger train cars. The train slammed into the wall at 26 miles per hour. That was the second full-scale crash at the US Department of Transportation's Technology Center in Pueblo, Colorado.

FREQUENT BUYERS

APRIL 4, 2000 12:00 P.M. (12:27) TRT 00:18

KCAL9 anchor Jane Velez-Mitchell reported that if you flew the friendly skies enough you were probably able to rack up some good frequent flyer miles. But there were other ways you could add even more points. In that day's edition of your money, Beverly Schuch looked at some top deals, and one man's quest for millions of miles.

GATES WHITE HOUSE

APRIL 5, 2000 10:00 P.M. (10:23) TRT 00:23

KCAL9 anchor Bob Donley reported that Microsoft's Bill Gates paid a visit to the White House just two days after a judge ruled his company broke anti-trust laws. Gates sat next to President Clinton, whose administration pursued the case against Gates. Microsoft's chairman sounded an optimistic note at White House Economic Summit. Gates also went to Capitol Hill where he met with lawmakers in closed door sessions. Meanwhile, a Federal Judge set a May 24th hearing on punishments against Microsoft.

KRISPY KREME

APRIL 6, 2000 10:00 P.M. (10:11) TRT 00:16

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that shell-shocked by the tech wreck in the stock markets, traders were ready for something else that day. Stock in the Krispy Kreme Donut Company began trading on the NASDAQ exchange. Krispy Kreme traded under the symbol "K-R-E-M" opening at 21 before closing at quite a few dollars a share that day.

GAS PRICES DEBATE

APRIL 10, 2000 10:00 P.M. (10:21) TRT 00:24

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that the price of gasoline would not be going down any time soon. For several weeks, Republicans had been trying to get the Assembly to pass their bill to end the sales tax on gasoline. Democrats did not like the idea. They said oil companies would not pass that tax cut onto motorists and the State needs the money. The GOP bill had been changed into a study. It would then go to the Appropriations Committee.

CUSTARD PIE

APRIL 11, 2000 10:00 P.M. (10:24) TRT 00:23

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that it was time to make some custard pies. The three-thousand, three-hundred and twelve pies became the weapons in the biggest custard pie fight in history. A Swedish internet site arranged the pie in the eye contest at London's Millennium Dome. Three minutes later, it was all over. The record was set for verification for the Guinness Book of Records.

SWING RECALL

APRIL 12, 2000 2:00 P.M. (2:12) TRT 00:25

KCAL9 anchor Terri Merryman reported that the Government had ordered a recall of millions of baby swings, believed to be responsible for the deaths of at least six children. The Consumer Product Safety Commission asked the "Graco" Company, which has sold seven million of the

swings since the 1970's, to recall and repair the swings. If broken or used improperly, a child can slide out of the seat and become tangled in the restraints. Company officials said the new restraints would prevent that from happening.

TAFFIC COSTS

APRIL 13, 2000 10:00 P.M. (10:33) TRT 00:25

KCAL9 anchor Sylvia Lopez reported that sitting in traffic was a necessary evil of life in the Southland. But a new transportation study said that traffic jams were more than just a waste of time. In twenty years, traffic cost commuters nearly 20 billion dollars. According to the study, four of the worst freeway bottlenecks in the nation were the 405/101, 405/10W, 10/5, and the 55/22 better known as the Orange Crush.

UNCLAIMED REFUND

APRIL 14, 2000 3:30 PM. (3:38) TRT 00:26

KCAL9 reporter Mia Lee reported on a happy thought on tax day. There might be some money with your name on it in the tax coffers. Congressman Brad Sherman of the San Fernando Valley said nearly 5 thousand LA County residents had unclaimed refunds coming to them. One taxpayer had a check waiting in the amount of 178 thousand dollars. The average amount was about 8 hundred dollars.

BUSINESS STORY

APRIL 14, 2000 10:00 P.M. (10:34) TRT 00:25

KCAL9 reporter Alan Mendelson reported that shares of Boeing were under pressure that day, because of that report that Boeing might have to make some changes in the tail rudder assembly of its 737 jets. There was no estimate what the changes would cost. Airline stocks were also under pressure that day, in part because the price of oil was slightly higher. There were worries that the sell off on Wall Street would hurt the so called "wealth effect" and that would cut into passenger travel.

SMART KITCHEN

APRIL 14, 2000 10:00 P.M. (10:42) TRT 00:24

KCAL9 reporter Jaime Garza reported that the oven was just one of a growing list of appliances that because of computer technology, could basically do what you tell it to do. Industry experts said a "micro-processor chip" was the key to these new home appliances. Instead of using a bulky "full blown computer" these new chips could be incorporated into many portable and smaller devices, at it was affordable.

CONSUMER RECALLS

APRIL 17, 2000 12:00 P.M. (12:21) TRT 00:41

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported that the Consumer Product Safety Commission wanted to alert consumers with its annual "recall roundup." On the most wanted list, was a car seat carrier made by Costco under the names Arriva and Turnabout. The handle could fail, and the baby could fall out. Other recalled products, a plastic pokemon pokeball given out at Burger King which can choke young children. Swimming pool dive sticks could impale anyone jumping in. The wanted lists would be posted at post offices around the country.

HOUSING STARTS

APRIL 17, 2000 12:00 P.M. (12:29) TRT 00:16

KCAL9 reporter Alan Mendelson reported that the Housing Construction Business was slowing down, and analysts said it was because of the five hikes in interest rates from the Fed that we have had since the previous summer. From February to March, construction dropped by eleven percent. It is the biggest monthly drop in housing construction in about six years.

LIVABLE CITIES

APRIL 18, 2000 2:00 P.M. (2:24) TRT 00:33

KCAL9 anchor Terri Merryman reported that "Modern Maturity" magazine had released its list of the 50 most livable U.S. cities. The number one choice for small cities was Asheville, North Carolina. It had become a hot retirement sport for seniors, with its mild seasons, beautiful scenery, and cultural attractions. Boulder, Colorado took the "Green and Clean" category. Austin, Texas was the best college town. Boston was top pick for big cities, and best quirky place, Sonoma County, California.

COMPUTER NEWS

APRIL 18, 2000 10:00 P.M. (10:42) TRT 00:26

KCAL9 reporter David Goldstein reported that the world's first virtual newscaster had just made her debut in Britain. Her name is Ananova. She may have lacked warmth, but she costs a lot less to put on the air than a flesh and blood anchor. With the click of a mouse, computer users could have Ananova read breaking news bulletins to the viewer. Her movements were slightly jerky, but she had been programmed to show emotion and some said she bears a passing resemblance to one of the Spice Girls.

MICROSOFT PC

APRIL 19, 2000 8:00 P.M. (8:21) TRT 00:24

KCAL9 anchor Bob Donley reported that first it was the laptop, now you could add pocket PC to your list. That day in Seattle, Microsoft unveiled a new generation of hand held organizers, to compete with the palm pilot. The pocket PC would not only keep appointments, it would play music, record sound, balance checkbooks and surf the internet.

INTERNET 2000

APRIL 19, 2000 10:00 P.M. (10:31) TRT 00:19

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported on a glimpse in the future that day at World 2000. Real new products were on display at the conference at the L.A. Convention Center. They had products like searching for a car using voice commands.

MEAT LABELS

APRIL 19, 2000 2:00 P.M. (2:14) TRT 00:18

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported that as health conscious consumers, we often pick up an item in the market and put it back once we see the number of fat grams. One congressman said it was time that fresh meat and poultry were also labeled, so consumers knew what they were eating.

BOEING 717

APRIL 19, 2000 2:00 P.M. (2:34) TRT 00:21

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported that the FAA was ordering two airlines to immediately inspect more than two dozen Boeing 717 planes for possible electrical problems. The move came after two jets had problems with their altitude display systems. The FAA said it should take "TWA" and "Air Tran" about two hours to fix the problem, at a cost of 120 dollars per plane. No flights were disrupted.

MICROSOFT

APRIL 21, 2000 12:00 P.M. (12:41) TRT 00:31

KCAL9 reporter Alan Mendelson reported that Microsoft was hit with a one-two punch. Punch number one was expected. That report the previous week from Microsoft said that sales of its software to computer makers were dropping. It was hurting Microsoft and other technology stocks including computer chip maker Intel, and computer makers Dell, Compaq and IBM. Punch number two was a report that the Justice Department would go ahead and seek a break up of Microsoft to settle the Anti Trust Case. That was shaking investor confidence. Shares of Microsoft down 13 dollars that morning, which was more than the usual percent.

LUGGAGE

APRIL 24, 2000 12:00 P.M. (12:39) TRT 00:36

KCAL9 reporter Alan Mendelson reported on the sizers that some airlines had put on the front of x-ray machines. The sizers were meant to keep large bags off of planes. If your bag was too large, you would have to check it and you could not carry it on. Continental Airlines said that the sizers were aimed at damaging its business. Continental shares x-ray machines with United in Washington. Continental said it had planes with larger overhead bins so it was more lenient about carry-ons. Continental said United put sizers on the x-ray machines it shares in effort to hurt Continental business. They made a Federal case out of it.

MICROSOFT

APRIL 24, 2000 8:00 P.M. (8:33) TRT 00:29

KCAL9 anchor Bob Donley reported that new deals that night intake Federal Anti-Trust case against software giant, Microsoft. Federal prosecutors reportedly wanted to split up the company because of its monopoly abuses. One company would produce the Windows operating system. The other would handle other software applications. Microsoft said it had done nothing to deserve such an extreme and radical fate. The Judge intake case had set a Friday deadline for a hearing on proposed remedies. Microsoft stock plunged more than 15 percent on this news and last Thursday's earnings warning.

MEOW MIX MOBILE

APRIL 24, 2000 10:00 P.M. (10:27) TRT 00:27

KCAL9 reporter Leyna Nguyen reported that in the tradition of the "Wiener" mobile, the new "Meow Mix" mobile was purring its way across America. The 10-foot long orange car on the prowl, rolled into Knoxville, Tennessee with a purrfect new jingle. The Meow Mix van purrs like a kitten. A top cat was licking its lips searching for the best rendition of one popular jingle. The winner got to curl up with 10 thousand dollars. It was all to kick off Meow Mix's new "Seafood Middles" brand cat food.

GAS PRICES

APRIL 24, 2000 2:00 P.M. (2:36) TRT 00:20

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported on good news that afternoon for drivers. The average price of gas was down. The latest survey showed that a gallon of gas had dropped almost four cents during the previous 2 weeks. Gas prices nationwide, including all types and taxes, averaged 1.60 a gallon. A recent Lundberg Survey said the drop was due to lower crude oil prices that increased production.

MICROSOFT SPLIT

APRIL 24, 2000 2:00 P.M. (2:37) TRT 00:32

KCAL9 anchor Jane Velez-Mitchell reported on new details that day in the case against Microsoft. Federal anti-trust lawyers were reportedly leaning towards proposing the company be split up, because of its alleged monopoly abuses. A Federal Judge had set a Friday deadline for a hearing on proposed remedies. Meanwhile, a Microsoft spokesman said the software giant had done nothing to deserve the quote "extreme and radical fate that may await it". A draft proposal by the Justice Department would reportedly divide Microsoft into two parts. One company would produce the Windows operating system, and the other would handle other software applications.

BIDI CIGS

APRIL 24, 2000 8:00 P.M. (8:24) TRT 00:17

KCAL9 reporter Leyna Nguyen reported that a State Assembly Committee was considering legislation that would ban "Bidi" cigarettes. The cigarettes, popular among teenagers, were hand-rolled, unfiltered cigarettes primarily from India and came in flavors like vanilla, chocolate or fruit. "Bidi" cigarettes reportedly had more than three-times the amount of nicotine and five times the tar of regular tobacco cigarettes.

HOME OWNERS

APRIL 25, 2000 12:00 P.M. (12:28) TRT 01:13

KCAL9 reporter Alan Mendelson reported that we had been enjoying a strong economy for the last couple of years, and that strong economy was starting to hit home. A record came out for home ownership in the country. Sixty-seven percent of American families own their own home. That was a record high. About 71 million American families owned their own home. Intake past seven years, about 9 million more families became homeowners. That meant that home ownership had been increasing by more than a million families a year. One reason is the strong economy. Another reason for the increase in home ownership had been the stock market. A lot of the wealth in the stock market had become down payment for families. However, home ownership varied among ethnic groups. Among white families, 73% owned their homes. Among black families, 48 % owned their homes. Among Hispanic families, 46 % owned their homes. Among other minority groups, including Asians, 54 % owned their homes. These new statistics came from the Department of Housing and Urban Development. The Government also reported that homeowners tended to increase their wealth more quickly and have children who do better in school and are less likely to be involved with crime.

SUV RECALL

APRIL 25, 2000 2:00 P.M. (2:32) TRT 00:23

KCAL9 anchor Terri Merryman reported that General Motorists were recalling 279 thousand sport utility vehicles, after a "failed air bag test." The recall involves 1999 Chevy Tahoes, GMC Yukons, and Cadillac Escala dummies in a 1999 crash test. It registered a high possibility of serious neck injury. GMC said its air bags were safe and hat the "test conditions" did not apply to real life. The company had nevertheless changed the design of the airbags.

TIME WARNER

APRIL 25, 2000 2:00 P.M. (2:35) TRT 00:22

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported on a giant media merger was drawing plenty of heat from consumer group. American Online planned to acquire Time Warner, CNN's parent company. Several consumer groups were filing complaints with the Federal Communications Commission that day. The said the merger would harm consumers because it tied up internet access and cable in one company's hands. AOL and Time Warner said the merger would give consumers more choices.

TOBACCO ENFORCEMENT

APRIL 26, 2000 3:30 P.M (3:34) TRT 00:27

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that advocates against teen smoking had scored again. The LA City Council had approved an ordinance that required retailers to get a permit to sell tobacco. The measure was approved in an eleven to one vote. Under the new plan titled "The Tobacco Enforcement Program," all stores would be able to obtain a permit for free. The only rule, you could not sell tobacco to teens or you would suffer the consequences. Lawmakers would use Government funds to conduct sting operations to assure retailers were following the ordinance.

PERSONAL PRIVACY

MAY 2, 2000 9:00 P.M. (9:17) TRT 00:27

KCAL9 anchor Jerry Dunphy reported that more and more companies were sharing information about who you were. President Clinton wanted a new Federal Law that would make it harder for companies to buy and sell private information. Under the new proposal, people would be able to just say no when banks wanted to sell data on their financial situation. Insurance companies would have to seek permission before sharing health information. The President was responding to public fears that privacy was disappearing in the Cyber World.

TOW TRUCK FOLLOW UP

MAY 4, 2000 9:00 P.M. (9:12) TRT 00:15

KCAL9 anchor Jerry Dunphy reported that an Orange County tow truck company claimed to have shutdown after we exposed allegations of consumers being ripped off. Our Prime Assignment the previous week focused on tow truck scams where helpless motorists were overcharged sometimes hundreds of dollars.

HOUSING CRISIS

MAY 4, 2000 2:00 P.M. (2:13) TRT 00:11

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported that finding affordable housing was a big problem for many people in the southland. A new report showed the problem was getting worse in cities like L.A. It was particularly hard for older Americans on fixed incomes.

ATM PREVIEWS

MAY 5, 2000 2:00 P.M. (2:12) TRT 00:25

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported that the ATM's at Wells Fargo banks were branching out. You were able to get news and movies, with your cash. One of the new ATM's was in Downtown L.A. It had a monitor that showed movie previews and financial news while you waited for your cash. Bankers said the ATM's would not take any longer to give you your money. About 800 of the video ATM's would be installed in California by the end of the year.

AIRFARES

MAY 8, 2000 12:00 P.M. (12:22) TRT 00:20

KCAL9 reporter Alan Mendelson reported that it looked like a summer airfare war was breaking out. That day, TWA announced discounts of as much as 30 percent for Summer travel. US Airways started that discounting the previous day. There were cross country fares as low as 398 dollars round trip which were still considered high when you remembered that a few years before cross country fares were under 200 dollars round trip.

FORD RECALL

MAY 9, 2000 12:00 P.M. (12:23) TRT 00:34

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported that Ford was recalling more than 628 thousand Ford Expeditions, and Lincoln Navigators. Model years 1997 to 2 thousand were being recalled because of loosely bolted trailer hitches on the sport utility vehicles. In some of the affected SUV's customers had already complained of rattling in the rear of their cars. If the bolts loosened enough, the hitch could separate from the vehicle. Ford said so far, there had been no

reports of accidents or injuries. Owners of the affected vehicles would be notified by mail to arrange with their dealer to have the bolts and nuts replaced at no charge.

BIOTECH FOODS

MAY 10, 2000 2:00 P.M. (2:16) TRT 00:25

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported that the Federal Government had announced new steps to regulate genetically altered food. Bio-tech companies had to let the food and drug administration know about new genetically engineered crops before they were released. It was an effort to assure the public that the food was safe. The FDA commissioner said all bio-engineered foods in the US were just as safe as non-bio engineered crops. Some consumer advocate groups wanted mandatory labeling for all food containing genetically engineered products.

COKE MORALE

MAY 12, 2000 2:00 P.M. (2:17) TRT 00:22

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported that Coca-Cola hoped to live up to its old slogan "Things Go Better With Coke!" Management had announced several steps to boost morale at the company. Coke planned to offer pay hikes, close up offices on Friday afternoons in the summer, and have anew paid holiday on the anniversary of the creation of the Cola. This came about three months after Coca-Cola announced it would cut 52 hundred jobs worldwide.

BURGER KING SUIT

MAY 15, 2000 10:00 P.M. (10:33) TRT 00:23

KCAL9 anchor Jerry Dunphy reported that a California mother was suing Burger King for the death of her daughter. 13-month-old Kira Murphy was believed to be the first victim to die from suffocation on the "Pokemon" kids meal toy. Kira's mother said the toy was in her daughters' playpen when the tragedy happened. After Kira's death, burger King issued a massive recall. Tow other deaths were believed to be related to the toy.

RED LIGHT ENTRAPMENT

MAY 18, 2000 10:00 P.M. (10:21) TRT 00:20

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that if you had a ticket because of one of the photo enforcement cameras, some would fight it for entrapment. That was what a San Diego man did. He was caught by one of those photo enforcement cameras for speeding. He successfully argued the speeding ticket was entrapment and had the ticket thrown out. Speed traps were illegal in California and he charged that cameras were illegal speed traps. In fact, his lawyer charged photo enforcement tickets violated six sections of the California Vehicle code.

AIRBAG

MAY 23, 2000 2:00 P.M. (2:34) TRT 00:10

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported on the safety of airbags. During the phase-in period beginning with the 2004 model year, vehicles either have to have the safer air bags or the bags must automatically deactivated when small children are in the car.

AIRPORT SAFETY

MAY 26, 2000 10:00 P.M (10:17) TRT 00:24

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported on close calls at LAX. A report said there were 16 near collisions on the ground the previous year. That was the worst safety record in the country. They were called "runway incursions" which meant planes come too close to one another or to obstacles while taxiing or taking off. The airport said things were getting better. The FAA would bring in more air traffic controllers by January to improve safety at LAX.

BABY SEAT RECALL

JUNE 6, 2000 2:00 P.M. (2:33) TRT 00:24

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported that if you had a baby at home, there was a recall you waned to know about. The company "Kids Two," was recalling nearly 100 thousand baby bouncer seats. The Consumer Product Safety Commission said the removable bar attached to the seat could release suddenly and injure infants. The seat was already reported to have hurt more than 30 children.

NIKE SHOES

JUNE 9, 2000 2:00 P.M. (2:27) TRT 00:22

KCAL9 anchor Terri Merryman reported that Nike had come up with some unconventional shoes. They customized to your feet. They came in six sizes, form extra-extra small to extra large. Once you had your size, the shoe molded to your foot. It was called the presto, and went on sale that day.

FREE GAS

JUNE 14, 2000 9:00 P.M. (9:21) TRT 00:13

KCAL9 anchor Sylvia Lopez reported that gas at some stations was free that morning. It was part of a giveaway by an internet company to publicize its online site for buying used cars. Drivers got 20 dollars of fuel along with a coffee mug.

JEEP RECALL

JUNE 19, 2000 10:00 P.M. (10:39) TRT 00:24

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that nearly half a million of the popular jeep Cherokees were being recalled by Daimler-Chrysler. The company said that contact with salt water could corroder air bag control. The recall was for 1997-1999 model year vehicles. In five cases, the air bag deployed by mistake because of salt corrosion. Owners of the affected cars would be notified by mail and show their car dealer to get the free repair.

YOUR MONEY

JUNE 22, 2000 9:00 P.M. (9:26) TRT 00:17

KCAL9 reporter Mia Lee reported that there were new predictions that internet commerce could soon reach one trillion dollars a year. That could mean big changes to shopping malls.

ONLINE AUCTION

JUNE 23, 2000 2:00 P.M. (2:18) TRT 00:23

KCAL9 anchor Terri Merryman reported that the FBI was looking into the possibility of improper bidding in online auction. That came amid reports of sellers bidding on their own goods order in order to drive up the auction price. A painting that started at 25 cents eventually sold for 136 thousand dollars. The sale was voided after E-Bay officials learned the seller had placed a 45-hundred dollar bid on the painting.

AIRLINE RATINGS

JUNE 27, 2000 12:00 P.M. (12:25) TRT 00:19

KCAL9 reporter Alan Mendelson reported that the U.S. Transportation Department was out with its Airline Ratings. Delta Airlines had the best on time record with 81 percent of Delta's flights on time. Alaska had the lowest rate of complaints about luggage. United had the highest rate of complaints about luggage. Southwest had the lowest rate of overall complaints. America West had the highest rate of overall complaints.